

Kochila Tharu

Kochila Tharu, also called **Septari** or **Saptariya Tharu**, **Madhya-Purbiya Tharu**, and **Mid-Eastern Tharu**, is a diverse group of language varieties in the Tharu group of the Indo-Aryan languages. The several names of the varieties refer to the regions where they dominate.^[3] It is one of the largest subgroupings of Tharu.^[4] It is spoken mainly in Nepal and India, with approximately 250,000 speakers as of 2003.^[5] In addition to language, cultural markers around attire and customs connect individuals into the ethnic identity Kochila.

Heavily concentrated in the eastern area of Terai,^[5] speakers of Kochila Tharu live in linguistically diverse regions and are generally multilingual (with the exception of some elderly female speakers).^[6] A 2013 survey by SIL International found that the language was being taught to children as their first language and used conversationally between multiple generations of speakers, characteristics of a "vigorous" language as defined by the Ethnologue Expanded Graded Intergenerational Disruption Scale (EGIDS).^{[3][6]}

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Kochila Tharu	
Native to	Nepal
Ethnicity	Tharu
Native speakers	0.3 millions in Nepal (2011 census) ^[1]
Language family	Indo-European <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Aryan<ul style="list-style-type: none">various Central and Eastern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kochila Tharu
Writing system	Devanagari
Official status	
Official language in	Tharuban of Nepal
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	thq
Glottolog	koch1247 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/koch1247) ^[2]

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